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May 31 – June 2, 2015
House of Religions Bern / Switzerland

1. International Conference on Intercultural Spiritual Care and Counseling



Pastoral and Spiritual Care
Across Religions and Cultures

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The First International Conference on Intercultural Spiritual Care and Counseling tackles challenges that emerge in pluralistic societies. Approaching the specific needs and actions of chaplaincy, spiritual care and counseling in different areas, the conference deals with major questions of intercultural, interreligious, and interdisciplinary dialogue. It introduces different concepts of caring and counseling across religions, analyses expectations of different communities towards spiritual care, and compares them critically with confession based pastoral care and counseling.

Addressing people's needs in today's pluralistic societies requires understanding, respect, and appreciation of others in their diversity. Therefore, encounter becomes pivotal and the exchange between Muslims, Jews, Christians, Buddhists, Hindus, Sikhs, people without religious affiliation, and Atheists is of utmost importance and greatest value. Of equal significance is the cooperative approach of the disciplines concerned – in particular the disciplines of theology, psychology, and medicine. These two are key issues of this conference which aims to promote a better integration and collaboration of people from different faith-backgrounds, cultures and groups.

The first part of the conference focuses on grasping the concept of spiritual care from the perspectives of the three disciplines: pastoral care, psychology, and medicine. Emphasis will be placed on describing the impact of spiritual care upon each discipline. The second part deals with spiritual and pastoral care and counseling in pluralistic societies, also taking into consideration the complexity of voluntary engagement. In particular, it will focus on the questions of how we can support more research in this area, and how we can implement future research results for the benefit of the general public. Thus, the conference's wider purpose is to encourage the cooperation of researchers from different countries and disciplines working in the field of religious and spiritual care.

The conference is organized by the Faculty of Theology, University of Bern, Switzerland and the Protestant Academy of Landau, Germany. It will take place in the House of Religions in Bern and is financed by the EU Lifelong Learning Programme.

Prof. Dr. Isabelle Noth

University of Bern

Dr. Georg Wenz

Ev. Akademie der Pfalz

Sonntag, 31. Mai 2015

Öffentliche Abendveranstaltung

17:00 Uhr Begrüssung und Einleitung

- Prof. Dr. Isabelle Noth, Institut für Praktische Theologie, Universität Bern
- David Leutwyler, Geschäftsleiter Haus der Religionen, Bern

Eröffnungsvortrag von Prof. Dr. Susanne Heine, Universität Wien

Die Seele ist ein weites Land. Die Psyche im Wechsel der Menschenbilder

Podiumsgespräch

- Amira Hafner-Al Jabaii, Islamwissenschaftlerin, Interreligiöser Thinktank, SRF Sternstunde - Moderatorin
- Dr. Claudia Kohli Reichenbach, ref. Theologin, Geschäftsführerin der Aus- und Weiterbildung in Seelsorge (AWS)
- Marco Röss, Zen-Buddhist und Sozialpädagoge
- Sasikumar Tharmalingam, Hindupriester und Seelsorger
- Moderation: Dr. Brigitta Rotach, Leitung Kultur im Haus der Religionen

Musik: Kontrabassistin Anna Traufer

19:30 Ayurvedic Buffet *

Conference Venue

House of Religions, Europaplatz, Bern, Switzerland

Access

- by train to "Europaplatz" station (trains no. S3 or S6)
- by tramway no. 7 or no. 8 from Bern main station to "Europaplatz"

Registration

per email to emmanuel.schweizer@theol.unibe.ch

www.spiritualcare.unibe.ch/content/conference

* CHF 22 per person / students and international visitors 15 CHF

Monday, June 1, 2015

Academic Conference

09:15 **Welcome**

- Dr. Georg Wenz, Evangelische Akademie der Pfalz, D
- Prof. Dr. Isabelle Noth, University of Bern, CH

09:30 **Einleitung I: Seelsorge, Psychologie und Medizin im Gespräch mit Spiritual Care**

- Seelsorge: Prof. Dr. Christoph Schneider-Harpprecht, Ev. LK in Baden, D
- Psychologie: Prof. Dr. Pasqualina Perrig-Chiello, Universität Bern, CH
- Medizin: Prof. Dr. Gian Domenico Borasio, Universität Lausanne, CH

10:45 Panel moderiert von Prof. Dr. Albrecht Grözinger, Universität Basel, CH

11:30 **Introduction II: Pastoral Care and Counseling in Pluralistic Societies**

- Judaism: Dr. Ruchama Weiss, Hebrew Union College Jerusalem, IL
- Islam: Dr. Abdelmalek Hibaoui, University of Tübingen, D
- Christianity: Dr. Georg Wenz, Evangelische Akademie der Pfalz, D

12:30 Discussion groups, chaired by the speakers

13:00 **Lunch**

14:30 ***Healing Hatred – Instruments of Pastoral Care and Counseling Applied to the Israel-Palestine Conflict***

- Dr. Sarah Bernstein, Jerusalem Center for Jewish-Christian Relations, IL

15:30 ***To what extent are Muslims in Western Societies developing Islamic Pastoral Theology and Practice?***

- Prof. Dr. Sophie Gilliat-Ray, Cardiff University, GB

Break

17:00 ***Interfaith Spiritual Care – Postcolonial African Christian Perspectives***

- Prof. Dr. Emmanuel Lartey, Emory University Atlanta, USA

18:30 **Free Evening**

Tuesday, June 2, 2015

- 09:00 ***Spiritual Care in the Turkish Context***
• Prof. Dr. Nuri Tinaz, Marmara University Istanbul, TR
- 09:15 ***Zukunftsperspektiven der islamischen Seelsorge in säkularen Gesellschaften (German)***
• Prof. Dr. Ednan Aslan, Universität Wien, A
- 09:45 ***Otherness and Understanding – Interculturality as the Standard Case in Pastoral Care?***
• Dr. Kristin Merle, University of Tübingen, D
- Break
- 10:30 ***Recognizing the Other: Intersubjectivity and Justice***
• Prof. Dr. Pamela Cooper-White, Union Theol. Seminary, New York, USA
- 11:00 ***Current Trends in Spiritual Care in the Brazilian Context***
• Prof. Dr. Mary Rute G. Esperandio, Universidade do Paraná, BR
- 11:30 **Panel**
• Dr. Ruchama Weiss, Hebrew Union College, IL
• M.A. Esnaf Begic, University of Osnabrück, D
• Prof. Dr. Sophie Gilliat-Ray, Cardiff University, GB
• Prof. Dr. Mary Rute G. Esperandio, Universidade do Paraná, BR
• Prof. Dr. Emmanuel Lartey, Emory University Atlanta, USA
Chair: Prof. Dr. Isabelle Noth, University of Bern, CH
- 12:45 ***Conclusion & Future Perspectives – Interdisciplinarity, Interreligiosity, Internationality***
• Dr. Claudia Kohli Reichenbach, Ass. M.A. Emmanuel Schweizer,
Prof. Dr. Isabelle Noth, University of Bern, CH

13:00 Lunch

Contact and Registration

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Registration deadline: May 15, 2015 (emmanuel.schweizer@theol.unibe.ch)

Fees

Participation at the academic conference (including lunch):

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